

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**January 7, 2020**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Dr. Michelle Steele, Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes, Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Jeff Haynes and Dr. Sharon Gentry. Ms. Tari Hughes was not in attendance.

Staff present were: Ms. Chinita White, Administration and Finance; Mr. Jerry Terfinko in Mr. Rick Taylor's absence, Consolidated Maintenance; Mr. Stevon Neloms, Community Recreation; Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning and Facilities; Mr. John Holmes, Revenue Producing Facilities; Mr. Jim Hester, Outdoor Recreation/Special Events; Ms. Cindy Harrison, Greenways/Open Space; Capt. Chris Taylor, Parks Police; Ms. Jackie Jones, Community Affairs and **Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 3, 2019 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, December 3, 2019 as presented.

#### **V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

Ms. Tonya Hancock, Councilmember representing District 9 and co-chair of the Parks and Library Committee of the Metro Council was in attendance.

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**12-19-04**

### **BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM CAPITAL VIEW JOINT VENTURE OF 2 PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED AT 128 LIFEWAY PLAZA AND 1008 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BOULEVARD TO EXTEND THE GULCH GREENWAY IN FRANKIE PIERCE PARK AND AGREES TO A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAPITAL VIEW JOINT VENTURE AND METRO PARKS**

Correspondence representing Capital View Joint Venture requesting the Metro Parks Board to accept a donation of 2 parcels of land, a segment of the Gulch Greenway and greenway trailhead was presented to the board for approval. These parcels are identified as 0.26 acres parcel 09301009800 located at 128 Lifeway Plaza and 0.14 acres parcel 093305020300 located at 1008 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Capital View Joint Venture also requests approval for Metro Parks to enter into a maintenance agreement that would allow Capital View Joint Venture to maintain the landscape on these 2 parcels and Metro Parks to maintain the hardscape.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**12-19-04 (con'r.)**

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM CAPITAL VIEW JOINT VENTURE OF 2 PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED AT 128 LIFEWAY PLAZA AND 1008 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BOULEVARD TO EXTEND THE GULCH GREENWAY IN FRANKIE PIERCE PARK AND AGREES TO A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAPITAL VIEW JOINT VENTURE AND METRO PARKS**

As per recommendation of the Acquisition Committee, upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board accepted a donation of 2 parcels of land, a segment of the Gulch Greenway and greenway trailhead from Capital View Joint Venture. These parcels are identified as 0.26 acres parcel 09301009800 located at 128 Lifeway Plaza and 0.14 acres parcel 093305020300 located at 1008 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Metro Parks also agreed to utilize the existing maintenance agreement which currently covers the greenway for both parcels allowing Capital View Joint Venture to maintain the landscape on these 2 parcels and Metro Parks will maintain the hardscape.

This donation allows Metro Parks to continue the Gulch Greenway into Frankie Pierce Park and is an important segment of the overall Gulch Greenway consistent with Plan2Play and the Greenways Master Plan.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**01-20-01**

**BOARD APPROVES JANUARY 2020 CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board approved the January 2020 consent agenda as presented.

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

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| • Nashville Striders -1/2 Marathon/5K | Cornelia Fort                 | Sat., Feb. 29, 2020 |
| • Greater Christ Temple Church-drama  | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., May 23, 2020  |
| • Diavontti Model Mgt.- fashion show  | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., May 30, 2020  |
| • Jeffatina Dortch-wedding            | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Sun., May 31, 2020  |
| • Phi Beta Sigma ETA Beta Sigma       | West Park Picnic Shelter      | Sat., Aug. 22, 2020 |
| • CLC Nashville-Labor Day Celebration | Cumberland Park               | Sat., Sept. 5, 2020 |

**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

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| • Dr. Henry Moses-Scholarship Dinner | The Parthenon - Dinner | Sat., Feb. 1, 2020 |
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**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**01-20-01 (con't.)**

**BOARD APPROVES JANUARY 2020 CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board approved the January 2020 consent agenda as presented.

**ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- DPR- bbq cooking event Centennial Park Event Shelter Fri., Oct. 30, 2020

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Hearing Loss Association of America Warner Park Shelters 9 & 11-Walk Sat., May 16, 2020
- Project Heart- Walk/Run Richland Creek Greenway Sat., April 4, 2020
- Start 2 Finish-Moosic City Dairy Dash Riverfront Park/Metro Ctr. Greenway Sat., April 11, 2020
- Nashville Bar Association Edwin Warner Shelter 11 Sat., April 18, 2020
- Belly Rubs Basset Rescue-picnic Centennial Park Event Shelter Sun., June 7, 2020
- Play Like a Girl-field day event E. S. Rose Park Fri., June 26, 2020
- Margaret Maddox Family YMCA East Park- Tomato 5K Sat., Aug. 8, 2020
- Back in the Day K Stones River Greenway Sat., Aug 22, 2020
- Tennessee Kidney Foundation-Walk Centennial Park Event Shelter/Walking Path Sat., Nov. 7, 2020

**AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- SEC Basketball FanFare Walk of Fame Park March 12-15, 2020
- Jeffatina Dortch- wedding reception Centennial Park Art Center Courtyard Sun., May 31, 2020
- Music City Disc Golf-Nat'l. tournament Mill Ridge Park Sept. 25-27, 2020

**FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Centennial Park Conservancy Parthenon-ECHO 2020 Series Wed., Feb. 26; Sat., March 28; Sun., March 29; Sun., April 26; Sun., Sept. 20; Sun., Oct. 18; Sat., Nov. 21/Sun., Nov. 22, 2020
- Tuned in Broadcasting, Inc. Parthenon-Chocolate Affair 2020 Sat., Feb. 8, 2020

**AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL, AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Nashville Jr. Chamber-Crawfish Boil Cumberland Park Sat., May 16, 2020
- IHEART MEDIA - Taste of Music City Public Square Park Sat., June 13, 2020
- IHEART MEDIA-Music City Brewers Festival Walk of Fame Park Sat., July 25, 2020
- Lightning Event Mgt.-Live on the Green Public Square Park Wed., Aug. 20, 27; Sept. 3; Fri., Sept. 4; Sat., Sept. 5 and Sun. Sept. 26, 2020
- IHEART MEDIA - Wine on the River Riverfront Park Sat., Sept. 12, 2020

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**01-20-02**

**BOARD ACCEPTS A 2020 GRANT PACKAGE FROM  
THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO FUND STAFF POSITIONS**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board approved request of Ms. Jenny Hannon, Executive Director of Friends of Warner Parks, requesting the board to accept a package of grants in the amount of \$89,050.25 to continue funding staff positions:

	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Naturalist I – PT (12 months)	\$ 17,050.00
Naturalist I - PT (12 months)	\$ 16,518.00
Naturalist I – PT (12 months)	\$ 16,518.00
Seasonal Worker IV (PEN Pals)	\$ 4,100.00
Seasonal Worker IV (PEN Pals)	\$ 4,100.00
S.W.E.A.T Staff	\$ 30,764.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 89,050.25</b>

**01-20-03**

**BOARD ACCEPTS A 2020 GRANT PACKAGE FROM  
THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO FUND OFFICE EQUIPMENT NEEDS**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board approved request of Ms. Jenny Hannon, Executive Director of Friends of Warner Parks, requesting the board to accept a package of grants in the amount of \$2,984.00 to fund office equipment needs:

	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
WIFI at Warner Parks Headquarters	\$ 1,084.00
Copier at Warner Parks Headquarters	\$ 1,900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,984.00</b>

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**01-20-04**

**BOARD APPROVES 2020 EVENTS FOR FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board approved request of Ms. Jenny Hannon, Executive Director of Friends of Warner Parks, to host the following fundraising events in Warner Parks with waiver of usage fees, amplification, alcohol consumption (if applicable) and to remain in the park after 11:00 pm for evening events if necessary:

<b>Full Moon Pickin' Parties</b>	Friday, May 15, 2020 Friday, June 5, 2020 Friday, July 10, 2020 Friday, August 7, 2020 Friday, September 4, 2020 Friday, October 2, 2020
<b>The Shelter Dinner</b>	Saturday, April 18, 2020
<b>Hummingbird Happy Hour</b>	Thursday, September 10, 2020
<b>Sunday in the Park</b>	mid-October or early-November (date to be determined)
<b>Harpeth Hills Flying Monkey Marathon and Half Marathon</b>	Sunday, November 22, 2020

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**01-20-05**

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO COUNCILMEMBER TONYA HANCOCK TO HOST  
A DEDICATION CEREMONY MEMORIALIZING OFFICER ERIC MUMAW**

Councilmember Tonya Hancock was present to request permission from the board to host a dedication ceremony of signage memorializing Officer Eric Mumaw's ultimate sacrifice on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 8:00 am near the board ramp in Peeler Park.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board approved Councilmember Hancock's request as presented. Councilmember Hancock thanked the board expressed her appreciation to them as well.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**01-20-06**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF H AND S ENTERTAINMENT/NASHVILLE PEACEMAKERS TO HOST THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OLD SCHOOL BBQ FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 IN RIVERFRONT PARK**

Correspondence received from Mr. Nate Haddox, representing H and S Entertainment/Nashville Peacemakers, requesting board approval to host the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Old School BBQ Festival, 1:00 – 11:00 pm, in Riverfront Park on Sunday, September 6, 2020 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Fossick the board approved the request of H and S Entertainment for amplification and selling and consumption of alcohol during a fundraising event “**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Old School BBQ Festival**”, 1:00 – 11:00 pm, on Sunday, September 6, 2020 in Riverfront Park. Please note that the Special Event Staff and the Metro Parks Police recommended approval for this event based on H and S Entertainment/Nashville Peacemaker’s commitment to follow all necessary requirements for public safety and crowd size. The request to host this event was denied in 2019 based on applicant’s inability to submit requested requirements for public safety and crowd size.

**01-20-07**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF FORMER COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE GREER TO PLACE A MARKER IN E.S. ROSE PARK TO HONOR TWELVE MEN WHO PLAYED IN THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUE AND CALLED NASHVILLE THEIR HOME**

Mr. Ronnie Greer, former Councilmember representing the 17<sup>th</sup> District, was present to request board approval to place a marker in E. S. Rose Park near the entrance of the baseball facility to honor twelve men who played in the Negro Baseball League and called Nashville their home.

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board approved request to place a marker in E. S. Rose Park near the entrance of the baseball facility to honor twelve men who played in the Negro Baseball League and called Nashville their home. This was approved with written support from Belmont University and working with Metro Parks staff for appropriate specifications.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**01-20-08**

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO ACCEPT A GREENWAYS CONSERVATION EASEMENT ALONG DRY CREEK ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRAYCROFT APARTMENT COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AS PER PARK POLICY 3000.25 ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF PARK PROPERTY**

This request of staff asking board approval to accept a greenways conservation easement located on parcel 03300021200 at address 0 North Graycroft Avenue along Dry Creek associated with the Graycroft Apartment Complex construction project was deferred to the Acquisition Committee of the Parks Board as per park policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property.

**01-20-09**

**BOARD DEFERS ACTION ON PROPOSED 2020 USAGE FEES**

As per staff request the board deferred action on the proposed 2020 Metro Parks usage fees until the February board meeting so that board members can review fees and forward any questions to Director Odom.

**IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

The Nashville Park Foundation canceled their annual update to the board and will present at the March Board Meeting.

**X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch**

- **Aaittifama Archeological/Phase One** – Design complete, in Purchasing for bid.
- **Antioch Community Center Renovation** – Construction crew setting up on site for renovation; renovation should be complete by summer.
- **Mill Ridge Park/Phase One** – Design complete, in Purchasing for bid.
- **Allee in Percy Warner Park** – Allee closed, total restoration funded by the Friends of Warner Parks and should be complete by summer.
- **Ravenwood/Phase One** - Design complete, in Purchasing for bid.
- **Wharf Park – Master Plan** – Master Plan contract awarded to the firm *Agency* out of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones**

January 9

12:00 pm

Naming Ceremony for Kossie Gardner, Sr.  
Park-1606 Jefferson Street

**XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES - none**

**XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Odom reported that she will focus on the budget as we are entering budget season in Metro. Budget conversation is a year-long conversation internally and the following highlights are to make you aware of the internal process within Metro.

This current FY20 Parks has a savings target of \$1,065,000; these are frozen positions and Parks is on track to meet the savings target. For the upcoming FY21, Parks received instructions yesterday with the understanding that the submission process is compressed this year with a deadline of January 24 to submit Parks request for the FY21 operating budget. This budget will also include metrics (performance measures for the department). Parks has not always reported metrics in the budget process; however, Ms. Odom feels comfortable providing those.

As part of the instructions of Mayor Cooper and the Metro Finance Director has been for Parks to look at FY21 and beyond to FY24 to really determine what is needed to meet the demands of the department and provide core services. This means evaluating internally what our core services are as a department. Sometimes they are ideas, programs, and activities presented to the department and while they may be good ideas, they may stray some from the mission of the department or they may be things that we should be doing but are not. A meeting with senior staff has been scheduled for tomorrow morning to discuss this. A press release was received from the Mayor's Office in which Mayor Cooper highlighted some of his priority areas; these are also priority areas for the parks department and directly affect our department.

- **Fiscal Stewardship** – Responsible and prudent stewards of the resources that are entrusted to us. Ms. Odom believes that is accountability - doing the best we can most efficiently with what we have and why do we do it.
- **Education** – Coordinate a lot with Metro Public Schools and additionally offer programming that often extends beyond and compliments the traditional school program. Metro Parks offers after school, summer enrichment, recreational and cultural enrichment programs and activities.
- **Affordable Housing** – Having access to secure and stable housing impacts a person's quality of life and how they experience parks and recreation opportunities. As a separate issue Ms. Odom stated that she would be remiss if she did not bring up homelessness in parks. Homelessness in parks is a very real issue for us that is directly tied to the availability of affordable housing options for folks in our city.
- **Neighborhoods** – Parks, greenways, recreational facilities and amenities are important elements of a vibrant, livable, inclusive and safe neighborhood.

**XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

- **Transportation** – While greenways are considered linear parks, they play an important role in connecting neighborhoods and people within our city.
- **Public Safety** – Critical piece and foundational part of providing a climate for positivity of life. We want to help make sure our park users feel safe while enjoying our parks, greenways and facilities.
- **Ethics and Transparency** – Ms. Odom referenced documents shared with the board last month - *Acknowledgment of Ethical Rules for Board and Commissions* and *Ethical Standards and Conflict of Interest*. As a department and the Parks Board this reminds us to be thoughtful and deliberate in our decision making with equity and fairness in mind (who is important, why we make certain decision). All of this is a part of ethics and transparency. Ms. Odom stated that it is her hope that we continue to think in this way as we align with Mayor Cooper’s priorities.

A big focus for Parks for the next several weeks will be the budget, tightening and justifying it. Reporting metrics will be a part of Park’s budget submission as metrics are used to justify expenditures, requests for improvements and also to justify programming needs. Staff will be working very diligently on the budget and Ms. Odom will keep the board abreast of what’s going on.

**XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/OPEN ITEMS - none**

**With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.**

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**Monique N. Odom, Director**

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**Dr. Michelle S. Steele, Chairperson**